

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 1:7-8

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Psalms 71:5-6

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **1 Corinthians 13:1-2**

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, dragged Jesus out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.

Luke 4:28-29

Preacher

Rev. Bill Sitterley

Piano

Georgiann Toole

First Prew

Chris Morehouse

Assistants

William Gonano

William Gibbs

Wanda Stewart

To Our Guests

Glad you're with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

GATHERING OUR HEARTS

Introit

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one true God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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***Hymn 645**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

ENCOUNTERING GRACE

Prayer for Wholeness

Spirit within, you have shown us a more excellent way, a way of love that is greater than all other ways. We confess that we have neglected love. We have failed to receive it, and we have failed to extend it. Forgive our timid responses to your great gift. Open us to the infinite possibilities of love.

Silence

Kyrie eleison

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

***Response**

Love, I will love you, Lord...

Welcome

Blessing the World

Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland

****Hymn 48**

"Rain Down"

First Pew

Parish Life

Memorial Prayer

Hymn 693

"Though I May Speak"

HEARING THE WORD

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Luke 4:21-30

Sermon

"Viewing Prophets From Afar"

***Hymn 409** (vs 1, 2, 4)

"God Is Here!"

SHARING THE GIFTS OF LIFE

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Ubi caritas et amor; ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
(Where there is charity and selfless love God is truly there.)

SERVING THE WORLD

Presenting Offerings

Offertory

Affirmation

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***Credo**

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Response**

Serve, I will serve you, Lord...

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

About eight centuries before Christ we finally meet the spiritual geniuses - the Jewish prophets - who tried desperately to link two traditions: inner God experience and outer work for justice and truth. That linkage is forever needed and yet forever resented and avoided to this day.

Richard Rohr

What I love about the Bible is that the story isn't over. There are still prophets in our midst. . . . It might not look like it, but the Resistance is winning. The light is breaking through.

Rachel Held Evans

We cannot make up through benevolence damage we do through injustice. Acts of charity aren't substitutes for justice.

Miroslav Volf

We must be willing to be completely ordinary people, which means accepting ourselves as we are without trying to become greater, purer, more spiritual, more insightful. If we can accept our imperfections as they are, quite ordinarily, then ...we can use them as part of the path.

Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche

Flowers placed today by
the Price family fund

* stand if you are able

** children grades 5 and
younger to the first pew

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sign up in office

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community. We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Sun 3 • 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion

9:45 a.m. Confirmation class. CR 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday Seminar. FH

5:00 p.m. Community Dinner. Zion Episcopal

Tue 5

10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting FH

7:30 p.m. Choir practice. Choir Room

Wed 6

12:30 p.m. Spanish class. FH

2:30 p.m. Strategic Visioning. CR 1

6:30 p.m. Pride committee. CR 1

7:00 p.m. Taizé. Sanctuary

Thu 7

10:00 a.m. Women's Circle. FH

Fri 1

4:00 p.m. Connections @ Blue Moon

Sun 10 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138;

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship

NEW MEMBERS Interested in learning more about what it might mean to be a member Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church? There will be a class forming next month for those who are curious about this. Please let Rev. Sitterley know if you are interested in being a part of this.

SUNDAY SEMINARS *Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric*, an indepth and personal exploration of our evolving understanding of gender identity. Part 2, **February 3**. Next, we will undertake an exploration of anger, using the Richard Rohr periodical *Oneing*, which includes a dozen essays from a wide variety of writers and perspectives. Starting **February 17**, with the "Introduction" and the first essay "Contemplating Anger" Fellowship Hall @ 9:45 a.m. Books are in the office: \$10 each (or pay what you can.) All are welcome. Childcare provided.

COMMUNITY DINNER. Sunday, February 3, 5:00 p.m., Zion Episcopal Church, Charles Town. Drop off hot food 3:45–4:15 p.m. that Sunday. Leave other food in the SPC refrigerator anytime (marked Community Dinner). Please use disposable containers.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S (PW) CIRCLE is discussing the chapter "Susanna's Choice" in the book, *Fierce: Women of the Bible and their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex and Salvation*. All women of the church are welcome.

SLEEPING BAGS FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE Check your closets for queen or king blankets, quilts, and comforters to use to make the bags. Contact Rie Wilson via office@shepherdstown-presbyterian.org.

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Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday

February 3, 2019

11:00 a.m.

For Equilibrium: a Blessing

Like the joy of the sea coming home to shore,
May the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.

As the wind loves to call things to dance,
May your gravity be lightened by grace.

Like the dignity of moonlight restoring the earth,
May your thoughts incline with reverence and respect.

As water takes whatever shape it is in,
So free may you be about who you become.

As silence smiles on the other side of what's said,
May your sense of irony bring perspective.

As time remains free of all that it frames,
May your mind stay clear of all its names.

May your prayer of listening deepen enough
to hear in the depths the laughter of god."

John O'Donohue

To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 275 Years

Claiming the Past • Engaging the Present • Imagining the Future

We Choose Welcome